

Town Warrants

The Town Warrant is the key document prepared by the Board of Selectmen each year to present to Town Meeting (Deliberative Session). It contains all articles to be voted on by the Town on the second Tuesday in March of each year. The School District prepares its own warrant and ballot. All popular voting by the Town and School District (the "second session") takes place on the second Tuesday of March each year. However, the Town, local School District, and Exeter Cooperative School District all conduct separate deliberative sessions, at different days and times.

Town Warrant Details

Article 1 is the Election of Town Officers. This article does not feature the names of candidates, but it does list the available offices each year. The filing period to run for town offices is typically the last week in January of each year leading up to deliberative session, which normally occurs the first week in February. More details on this process are available from the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town's budget article for the ensuing year is included in the Town Warrant. The budget number also includes a default budget number, which goes into effect if the budget is defeated or voted down at the March ballot. The form of the budget article and its contents are set by state law, RSA 40:13.

Proposed bond issues for the ensuing year are included in the Town Warrant and require a 60% approval by the voters for passage.

All proposed zoning amendments are included in the Town Warrant, but they are not amendable by Town Meeting (Deliberative Session).

Citizen petition articles are also included in the Town Warrant. These are due the second Tuesday in January each year by the close of business to the Town Clerk's Office, 10 Front Street. 25 certified signatures of registered voters are required for a citizen's petition to be placed on the Town Warrant. Citizen petitions are generally advisory with some exceptions, such as if the petition contains a request for funding and is approved, it is binding. Petitioned zoning articles are also binding.

Supporting Documents

-  [2014 Town Warrant Articles](#)
-  [2014 Warrant Ballot Results](#)
-  [2013 Warrant Ballot Results](#)
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